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SUBJECT: IREX-GDR EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 275288 (DECEMBER 16, 1974)

DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT IREX REPS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BERLIN FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. IREX IS PROPOSING AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE GRANTS FOR UP TO 75-MAN MONTHS DURING A TWO YEAR PERIOD. GDR HAS APPARENTLY PROPOSED MORE MODEST PROGRAM OF 20-MAN MONTHS. INITIAL EXCHANGES WOULD BE FINANCED BY FUNDS WHICH IREX RECEIVED TWO YEARS AGO FROM FORD FOUNDATION. AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL INVOLVE THE SPLIT BETWEEN EXCHANGES IN SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL AREAS AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES-HUMANITIES WITH THE GDR FAVORING MORE OF THE FORMER. IREX'S NEGOTIATING PARTNER IS THE MINISTERIUM FUER HOCU-UND FACHSCHULWESEN (DR. BERNDT HOELZER.)

2.) JOHN MATTHEWS OF IREX PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WEST BERLIN

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FEBRUARY 25. HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MISSION COULD

RESERVE SINGLE WITH BATH AT KEMPINSKI FOR THAT NIGHT. HE
ALSO WISHES TO MEET WITH LITTELL AND/OR OTHER EMBASSY REPS

THAT EVENING. ALAN KASSOFF AND MS. CARMICHAEL ARRIVE
TEMPELHOF FEBRUARY 26 AND WILL GO DIRECTLY WITH MATTHEWS
TO EAST BERLIN. TEAM WILL STAY AT EAST BERLIN HOTEL
DURING NEGOTIATIONS WHICH EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY
MARCH 1.

3.) GDR EMBASSY HAS NOT RETURNED TO QUESTION OF LETTER
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